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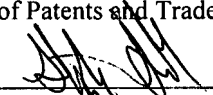
This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2000:

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 and 11-13 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parulski et al. (US Patent 5,633,678) (hereinafter "Parulski") in view of Itoh (US 5,966,122).

Submitted herewith is a 37 CFR 1.131 Declaration of prior invention to overcome Itoh. The Declaration sets forth facts sufficient to show conception of the invention prior to the effective date of Itoh, 8/8/96, coupled with due diligence from prior to the effective

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